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## **ISTOOK SPEAKS TO CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GROUP**

*Washington, D.C.* - Rep. Ernest Istook, (R-OK), today addressed the American Association of Christian Schools, saying the family is under continued assault by the government.

"I know that Christian educators have a special interest in the American family," Istook said. "Lately, President Clinton has tried to sound pro-family. But I believe, 'By their fruits you shall know them.'"

Congressman Istook argues in favor of changing the tax code, to create incentives for keeping families together.

"Why are we subsidizing people to be away from home, and not taking care of the kids? That's what we do when we have federal subsidies for child care, but nothing for a spouse that stays home with the kids.

"The government's idea of the perfect family starts not with a mother or father, but with a social worker."

Istook also repeated his call for U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders to "quit or be fired," and discussed his pending legislation to allow voluntary prayer in public schools.